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CLEAR IT UP!

Captain of Detectives Arthur McDuffie has been very properly reinstated, the investigation of the attorney-general's office into charges against his competency and honesty having failed to bring out evidence to support these charges either before the grand jury or the civil service commission. But the case is not—or ought not to be—ended with McDuffie's reinstatement.

The Advertiser, which inspired the charges and has worked for months with detectives who were determined to oust their chief, says that the Scotch verdict of "not proven" has been rendered. No one but the Advertiser believes this; it is to be doubted if the Advertiser believes it. The fact is that no real charges have ever been brought against McDuffie. He was kept in the dark for a week even as to the nature of the accusations against him; finally, under pressure, the investigators gave his attorney a bare outline, unsupported by affidavit, of the rumors concerning his alleged malfeasance; now, after the reinstatement, there is published this morning a mass of verbiage attacking McDuffie on hearsay statements of the most flimsy sort.

The truth and the whole truth is not yet out. Captain McDuffie has been vindicated so far as his official position is concerned, but there is yet to be cleared up a vague body of rumor that concerns his conduct and the conduct of men under him. McDuffie may very properly call upon the attorney-general's office for all of the evidence it has been considering; these should be publicly not only on what few quasi-charges have come to the surface, but on those which materialized only as rumors.

Clear up the whole thing now!

THE NEW SEX CRUSADE

A sane view of sex education is voiced by the San Francisco Argonaut in a recent editorial. The Argonaut, while realizing the need for instruction of children in sex matters, pleads for the use of the home rather than the schoolroom for such instruction. Says the San Francisco weekly:

"It seems that Kansas City is up in arms, figuratively speaking, against a wave of immorality that threatens to engulf the youth of the city. There are horrible stories of juvenile excesses, and the women's clubs are formulating their demands and doing all the other things with which experience has familiarized us. The evil, we are assured, is due to the automobile, to joy-riding, and to late hours, and laws must be instantly passed to correct a state of affairs that has become dangerous. A few weeks ago we were assured that a minimum wage for women was the one thing necessary to correct our manners and to restore the Garden of Eden. But as the guilty young people in Kansas City do not belong to the wage-earning classes it is evident that we must go farther afield for a remedy. No one seems to have suggested the abolition of the automobile or the extinction of human nature, so there seems nothing for it but the passing of a curfew law and a general closing of the streets to young people after a certain hour. This is precisely what Kansas City is proposing to do. The women and the preachers demand it, so that obviously there is nothing more to be said.

"There will be no disposition anywhere to treat a terrible evil with levity or even with indifference. And it is a terrible evil. San Francisco has had her own experiences, and it is quite easy to believe that other cities are similarly situated. But unfortunately there is a disposition to resort to snap remedies and to treat the results rather than the causes. Nothing is so fatally easy as to pass a law. There is no more popular narcotic for an uneasy public conscience. But narcotics are not cures, and Kansas City will be likely to find that police control is the worst possible substitute for parental influences, and that even a curfew law cannot take the place of those elementary duties that can be performed in the home and nowhere but the home.

"But the neglect of parental duties is by no means the only cause for the apparent extinction of the moral barriers that were once so effective. The barriers of morality and convention are by no means so distinct as we like to suppose. Usually they supplement each other. During the last few years we have seen the almost complete destruction of those reticences upon sex matters that doubtless had their own attendant evils, but that did actually prevent far more evils than they caused. What we call plain speaking became a vogue and a fashion. Literature and

the drama combined in what was said to be a moral crusade, but that was actually a financial crusade. And now the churches have followed suit. Nothing is too private for public discussion, no audience too young for admission and participation, no vital fact too explosive for reckless handling. Upon every side we see a gross familiarity at its deadly work. Here in San Francisco we are about to have what its promoters call a Purity Sunday. Countless sermons will be preached to audiences of young men and young women, and with their own sex relationships as a topic. Does any one with a sane knowledge of human nature suppose that even the most exquisite delicacy can neutralize the inevitable poison of those sermons? Is it not well known to even the tyro in such matters that here at least the most fatal and irresistible of all forces is that of suggestion, and that reason and prudence struggle in vain against it? The cure for this sort of evil is reticence and not publicity, mystery and not familiarity, the home and not the pulpit, the mother and not the school-teacher. To err in such a matter as this is to poison the rising generation. Indeed if we are to credit the hysterical exaggerations of the women's clubs the rising generation is already poisoned by a familiarity that presents experiment as a pleasant adventure in well-known paths.

"Therefore it is time that we called a halt to the sex fanatics. They have been at their work for some years past, and now the air is becoming unbearably. Every field of publicity has been invaded. They have almost persuaded us that sex is the one thing worth thinking about, and worth talking about. The results are sufficiently evil upon matured minds that have learned to govern themselves. Upon immature minds to whom self-government has hardly occurred it has been little short of disastrous. Every sacred mystery of life has been cheapened, coarsened, profaned. All the protective veils of mystery and sanctity have been broken down, and in their place we are offered statistics, hospital reports, and iodiform. It is these sex fanatics that are largely responsible for the juvenile immorality of the day. It is the sex newspaper, the sex drama, the sex novel, the sex reformer, and the sex pulpit that have created it. And it has been nourished by the apathy and the neglect of parents who are quite content that the policeman and the delinquency court shall do the work that has been so shamelessly neglected by themselves.

"Let us hope that we are nearly at the end of this particular epoch lest some worse thing befall us. It is bad enough that for years past our young people should have been forced to live in an atmosphere of public discussion comparable only with that of an open sewer. Things will have come to a pretty pass if we must now forbid our children to go either to school or to church for fear of the moral contamination that must ensue.

A MARTYR TO POLICE LAXITY

Manuel D. Abreu, killed in the arrest of a soldier deserter, is referred to as the "martyr of the department."

A martyr, yes—a martyr to the inefficiency and lack of police training that have clogged and rusted the department under its present chief, Sheriff Jarrett.

A martyr, yes—a martyr to the disorganization that prevailed when Jarrett listened to McDuffie's personal enemies, suspended the captain of detectives and crippled the detective force until Abreu was called on as a volunteer to go out and arrest a suspected desperado.

The man was arrested, but he was not searched! His smooth words deceived the officers. They had not been trained to take no chances. Testimony at the coroner's inquest on Saturday shows that it has not been the custom of most police officers to search prisoners immediately upon the arrest. Yet members of the department state that McDuffie always insists upon immediate search when there is a possibility of a concealed weapon. McDuffie was not on this expedition after a man whose crime proved him a desperate character; the detectives omitted precautions that should have been drilled into them when they received their badges; and the tragedy followed.

Abreu's death, sad as it is, will not be in vain if it drives home to this community the lesson that lax and improper methods of policing cannot be tolerated in Honolulu.

Sheriff Jarrett will do well now to turn his attention to the developing of efficiency and discipline in the department.

Huerta has snubbed Wilson. My word!

Letters or TIMELY TOPICS

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

HAWAII PROVES GENEROSITY.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin: Sir: The following extract from an article entitled "The World's Good Samaritan," in the November issue of "The World's Work," which refers to the aid given to the sufferers of the 1911-12 famine in China, may prove interesting and gratifying to many of your readers.

"From the viewpoint of the famine district, no very large amount of aid would be expected from the United States. All the flood sufferers were in the Yangtze Valley, known to international politics as England's 'sphere of influence,'

where England is dominant commercially. Throughout the entire famine area the United States, of all great powers, is least in evidence. . . . The total amount of aid from foreigners in foreign countries was approximately \$375,000.00. . . . The sources of this fund were as follows:

United States	\$308,566.00
Canada	38,040.00
Hawaii	10,966.00
Denmark	7,677.00
Germany	5,645.00
Japan and Korea	5,385.00
Sweden	1,935.00
Great Britain	1,867.00
Russia	766.00

"The United States gave almost nine-tenths of all the aid received from foreign countries, and little Hawaii gave more than any of the great powers! There were few large gifts to aid in making the total of our contribution, and the greater part of the fund consisted of the nickels and dimes and half dollars given by people who had known want and hunger themselves."

W. H. SOPER.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—JOSHUA D. TUCKER: Hope this rain reaches over to Maui. I'm going over there this week, but can't do much business with homesteaders in dry weather.

—D. L. CONKLING: I can't make any money buying wireless station sites so I guess I'll devote my energies to my office and to my Chinese pot factory hereafter.

—GEORGE W. PATY: The fact that our new U. S. district attorney, McCann, is a strong prohibitionist will be a potent factor for promoting the cause of temperance in Hawaii.

—H. GOODING FIELD: I'm going to take about two weeks of rest after some months of very strenuous work and then go back to Hawaii and tackle the probe situation there again. There is an enormous amount of work to be done in the securing of a complete audit of county affairs.

—"CUPID" TREADWAY: I find there are about five Japanese marriages to one wedding among the men and women of other nationalities in Honolulu. At least that is my experience for the first few days of my position as sole marriage license agent in this district.

—W. R. FARRINGTON: I believe that the doctrine "My country right or wrong" is timely in the present period and in this particular place. Wilson is president of the United States and as such he is dealing with foreign nations he should have the unhesitating support of every American citizen. The least we can do is to refrain from criticizing our national policies in this particular neck of the woods where we have a very large percentage of aliens who smilingly point with pride to dissonance in our own American ranks.

WOULD PENSION ABREU FAMILY IF LAW PERMIT

The family of Police Officer Manuel D. Abreu, shot and killed in the performance of his duty at the time of arresting a suspected criminal, will receive a small monthly pension if the efforts of Supervisor M. C. Pacheco are successful.

Supervisor Pacheco this morning held a conference with Deputy City Attorney Weaver, legal adviser of the board, to determine if an ordinance providing a monthly pension for the Abreu family is legal. He drafted a rough outline of the ordinance and submitted it to Weaver, who will pass upon the probable legality of the plan for the city to do something toward supporting the family of the officer.

Abreu leaves a wife and five children, as well as an aged mother. The family, while not in poverty, is in very modest circumstances and the withdrawal of the support of the father is a serious matter.

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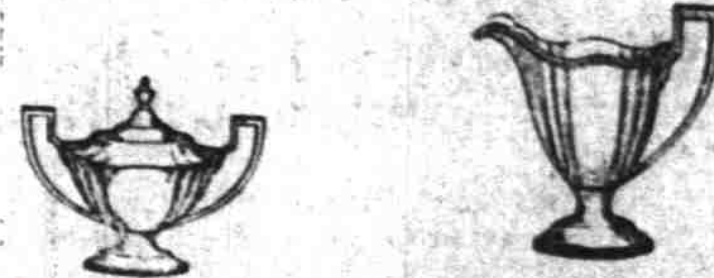
FOR SALE

College Hills	House and lot	7350.00
Wildcat Ave. & Kewalo St.	House and lot	7500.00
Anapuni Street	House and lot	4500.00
Pikoi Street	House and lot, including furniture	6500.00
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the lack of system, has been a temporary for men on small salaries. . . . If the territory had a bureau of audit and each county's affairs were kept thoroughly checked up, such things could not happen. It is an extremely sad thing to see these men go wrong who, if surrounded by proper safeguards, would not permit themselves to be lax."

Mr. Field, who is accompanied by Mrs. Field, will leave tomorrow for a few days of quiet at the Hotel Aubrey. He expects to return to Hilo shortly thereafter. He said this morning that his audit is now up to March, 1911, and he hopes to go straight through to 1913.

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